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Notice.—The Directory of the News Letter is to be corrected next month so as to bring it up to date. We request that all changes desired be sent us at once.

It is made necessary by the new elements that are coming into our work to explain again the plan by which the News Letter Directory is published. The directory does not contain a list of all of our Western Conference churches, because some of them have not seen fit to meet the conditions under which those that appear are inserted. A charge of $1.50 a year is made for each church—this includes ten subscriptions, the papers to be sent to the officers of the church or others as wished. For the small sum of $1.50 each church that pays it is thus associated with its fellows in the directory and is brought into touch with the general work by ten of its members getting the News Letter. It would seem that none of our churches could afford to miss this opportunity for touch with their fellow-workers.

The question of church polity continues to trouble us. The storm center at present seems to be the Middle States Conference. This Conference is growing in power. It contributed a very large portion of the $150,000 raised last year for missionary purposes. With its growth has come a self-consciousness that is making it ask questions. We of the Western Conference are equally concerned in the questions at issue and should not show an apathy such as has not hitherto marked our body. The whole question of polity is bound up in the one of purpose. What does our church propose to become? What is our purpose in being? As we answer some such question as these do we shape our polity. If we desire to become strong and popular we must have a strong centralized government that can propagate a popular faith and prevent the proclamation of ideas that are not commonly enough accepted among men to make them popular. If on the other hand we aim to be pioneers in the religious world we must have that liberty that is ever necessary for free movement. We shall make many and serious mistakes that will alienate many and keep others from joining us, yet this is the road to truth. It is the duty of all whose thoughts go before the march of the mass of men to destroy all that trammels liberty. We must act as though all men deserve to be free, although we know that they do not. The only way in which men can become worthy of liberty is by the misuse of it. It is through the effects of bad use that good use is found. If we are to proclaim liberty we must be wholly free to do so. If we are to be leaders in liberty we must establish the most perfect democracy possible. It is better that a noble ideal should prevail than that a sect should thrive. We should not halt to question the expediency of our ideal, for that is but to waste time. We have accepted it once for all and it only remains for us to press on with a faith that demands the most perfect man, for he is of the future. Our experience as a denomination has shown us that we are most useful when we keep our eyes before us and not when we long for the churchly flesh-pots of numbers. Whether we have few or many churches matters not so that we continue to announce and call forth the spiritual forces needed by the most advanced of our progressing humanity.

BRAIN AND CHARACTER.

One of the things which today seems to give freshness and reality to our thought of mental and spiritual processes is the measure in which we are learning to trace them back to physical facts; to know that character is not an abstract thing, belonging only to the thin realm of the spirit, but that the training of it is as concrete and definite as the training of a muscle. To think out the processes of the spiritual life in terms of the physical is to give them a new power.

The control of attention is the most wonderful, the subtlest factor in the development of personal life. Experimentally, we are all acquainted with it. Most of us went to school, and most of us there, under fear of penalty, learned more or less to curb our wandering thoughts. Moreover, you have carried on that process through life, for probably most of you can sit down and do your work amid a perfect babel of disturbing

sounds, and yet do it just as well as you can in silence. You have in some way acquired the power of control, until what you hear is not what falls on your ears, but what you determine to hear.

What is this? When we come right down to it it is the control as to what particular little nerve fibre in the brain shall be open to this tremor which corresponds to the consciousness of that series of sounds. You can inhibit what you will. You can foster what you will. You can compel your inner life not to be the confused mass of impressions which assail you from without, but to be open only to that which you choose. You can be alone and in silence amid the clamor and din of the crowd.

The reverse is true. I can, indeed, if you do not stop your ears, bring it about that the sound of my voice shall fall on your ear-drums, but it need not go any further. You can, if you will, as some people are said to do, send your body and your clothes to church, and yourself wander off elsewhere.

Now, to learn to master attention places in your hands an immense power. Man becomes by it the creature of the environment which he chooses and selects for himself. I can place you in an environment where everything says "Be dishonest." It apparently does not influence you in the least. If you are a man of habitual honor, the low and mean suggestion is inhibited, just as the noise of the street when you are reading. The only thing that comes into your mind, if the inhibition is not complete, is the sense of contemptuous opposition to a dishonorable thought.

This, too, has its own physical correlates. The long process of attaining this power is that of beating out paths, developing fibres of transmission in your brain. It is hard at first. A man who goes for the first time through the virgin forest, slowly and laboriously cuts his way with an axe. He makes a trail. He travels it daily. He establishes at the end of it a little post on the outskirts of civilization, and then, month after month, men and horses begin to use it. Then when a stranger strikes it he turns up at the post because it was easiest to follow the beaten path. Any way through the wood is harder than the trail. In time it becomes a rough country road, and perhaps in the end one of the highways of civilization.

So it is with our brain. You resolve with an untrained mind that amid the clamor of all kinds of impressions you will attend only to those that you yourself determine shall be worthy, and it is just as hard as it was for the schoolboy to keep his attention on his book against the outer attractions of the game of his fellows in the sunshine. You are breaking out a new trail. You are forcing, as it were, one set of impressions to take a certain track in your brain, and they have to overcome countless resistances.

If you do it, and do it again, as the untrodden trail of the forest grows by usage, so the trail you take becomes beaten in the brain, the new fibre becomes conductive, until it is actually easier for you to have outer impulses travel to a high center than to travel to a low center. It is actually easier for an honorable man to stay honorable than to be dishonorable.

It is in the measure in which we direct our attention, and cultivate the habit of being able to master it, that we open up lines of communication in our brain leading to higher and more complex association centers, which control and order the outgoing impulses which result in conduct; so that that which results in evil conduct in a low man stimulates the great man to noble action. We arrive at the point where the brain has learned to establish a path that leads not to the center where passion and narrow interests are king, but to the center where reason and honor and truth and manhood hold control.

Now, it is the habit of establishing such lines of connection, kept open and made easy by constant use, which is the essential matter in the training of character. That constitutes the whole difference, as we are coming to see it in the still somewhat dim realm of cerebral physiology, between the highly developed and the low brain. The essential fact is one of internal organization, of the complexity and variety of the association centers and lines of connection which long selection has slowly developed.

You hold out a piece of meat to a dog, and you know what happens. The dog has practically nothing to do with his action. The sense impression of that piece of meat travels along the line to the association center, whence it at once issues as the appetite impulse to seize and devour. But what you will do under any given sense impression it is impossible for me to say unless I know you.

One man by the habit of attention, by the habit of referring things to certain association centers in his brain, has made it practically impossible for the evil suggestion to excite any resultant tendency toward an evil act. The nervous impulse which goes out in action has its origin in the low temptation only in this, that the low temptation excites the association center. It goes out from it along the accustomed channel toward some fresh act of fairness and humor and truth.

The process of developing character is the process of developing the kind of brain which, as civilization rises, humanity is traveling toward. You may develop a brain where your association centers have leading out from them as impulses to action only those which we know as selfish and short-sighted, with reference to a small circle of experience, having their end mainly in your own ease and comfort; which means that outwardly regarded you become a very common, unideal, selfish, narrow person. Or you may find, if you have

taken every chance to refer external impulses, which, after all, are the only challenge which we know toward life, to high association centers, that they issue in outgoing channels controlling conduct, which in some subtle way, far beyond our understanding (though the fact is established), are dominated by and express noble character.

Little by little as we grow, as life comes to its own, we find the process is toward widening that circle, toward the development of what we call a larger personality, a man with finer tastes and greater sensibilities and wider range of outlook, aware of more splendid satisfactions, which inhibit low impulses and narrow aims and ends which are for the moment only. He learns to set the months against the days, and the years against the months, and the centuries against the years, and he becomes a man. He gets a little further from the more animal self with which he started.

The change in the structure of that man's brain is that certain higher association centers and bunches of connecting fibres have been developed. Opened up at first with effort, like the trail blazed through the forest, they have become highways, lines of magnificent and easy communication, whereby what we call the man's will acts instinctively and splendidly in obedience to the control of the widest, broadest, deepest, finest experience that he knows.

You need not think mean thoughts if you make up your mind to cultivate the ability to oust them by higher ones. You need not travel the road of immediate obedience to sense impulse if you will take the trouble to blaze out another trail in your brain. Every time you travel the trail it will be more easy to travel, and after a while you will hardly be able to take the old way, it is so barred and grown over with prohibitions. The road which honor, truth, purity and high affection have made for you has become an open highway until it is true to say that the man who through the exercise of attention has trained these lines of least resistance, of obedience and outgo from high centers finds it is hard to do wrong or mean or foolish or selfish things, as the savage finds it hard to do the reverse.

Now, behind this process is the trend of the whole unfolding of life. It is not merely a thing which you and I must struggle toward by our unaided selves. It is the inevitable quiet process of growth. It is the onward march of the centuries that in us makes it possible that we come to act, not in obedience to immediate circumstances, to fear, to envy, to hatred, but in quiet response to the wider outlook of manhood, to large and splendid affections, to noble aspirations, to challenges which have become ideal, until we know, not only the goodness, but at last the splendid ease of the great life.

Chicago. W. Hanson Pulsford.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Rockford, Ill.—The Christian Union Church is experiencing a decided revival under the ministrations of its new minister, Rev. Anthony Mills. On a recent Sunday one hundred and sixteen new members received the right-hand of fellowship.

Decorah, Iowa.—Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead has resigned from the pastorate of Unity Church. Her resignation takes effect at the end of her fifth year of service, September 1. She has served faithfully and well. Decorah has been made a better city because of the wholesome influence that she has exerted there by her ministrations in the pulpit and otherwise. Her plans for the future are not definitely settled.

Lincoln, Neb.—With the expiration of his eighth year as minister of this church, February 1, Rev. J. L. Marsh retires from its pulpit. Mr. Marsh has achieved great things at Lincoln. He went to a church that had been in Universalist fellowship. He found it in debt and discouraged. He leaves the church with a greatly reduced debt and with a congregation united and hopeful. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have done a great deal of work outside of their own parish. They have visited smaller societies, giving courage and aid, and they have kept in touch with the scattered Unitarians throughout the state of Nebraska. They will be very much missed from the work that they have promoted with great toil and many sacrifices.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—At a recent Sunday service Dr. J. P. MacCarthy received eleven persons into the fellowship of the People's Church. This makes nearly one hundred that have been received into membership during his two-year pastorate. Of late Dr. MacCarthy has been holding meetings in Albion. This is a Methodist center, one of their colleges being located here. He reports much interest despite a violent opposition on the part of the Methodist minister.

Madison, Wis.—Our society in this university city reports a prosperous year. The financial report is most excellent, showing all bills paid and $450 paid on the society's debt. The congregations are good and all branches of the church work active. Rev. F. A. Gilmore has been minister of our Madison church eight years and is reaping in its success the fruit of his labor.

Aurora, Ill.—Rev. William Forkell has been called by a unanimous vote to the pastorate of the People's church. Mr. Forkell has not been in the active work of the ministry of late, though preaching at times as a supply. He begins his ministry at Aurora the first Sunday in February. Mr. Forkell's

last pastorate was at Jackson, Mich., where he was minister of our society and chaplain at the penitentiary. We are glad that Mr. Forkell has left his business position to take up again the work of the ministry, for which he is so well fitted by nature and training.

Geneseo, Ill.—The annual meeting of this society was held Wednesday, January 8. Reports were read showing the success of the various departments of church activities. A large balance was reported on hand by the treasurer. A feature of the occasion was the dinner served by the ladies of the church. There were a large number present to enjoy the speeches of the pastor-emeritus, Rev. M. J. Miller, and his friend Rev J. F. Porter of Massachusetts. The Western Conference secretary was at the gathering and spoke. Rev. D. M. Kirkpatrick is to be congratulated upon the success of the new features that he has introduced into the work of this church. He and his people seem equally happy in their relationship.

Chicago, Ill.—At the annual meeting of the Third Church it was voted to ask Prof. G. B. Foster, of the University of Chicago, to become permanent supply beginning September 1.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Rev. J. M. A. Spence has been asked to fill the pulpit of our church at this place until the annual meeting in April.

Field Notes.—The secretary has had a busy month because of the many resignations from the pulpits of our Western Conference churches. The first Sunday was spent with the church at Streator, where the visit was made the occasion of a preaching service and a consultation with the trustees of the church. On Wednesday, January 8, he attended the annual meeting of the society at Geneseo. On Sunday, January 12, he visited the friends at Kalamazoo, where he preached in the morning. In the evening he was to speak at Albion, where Dr. MacCarthy is starting a new movement, but a snow storm made the train so late that the service could not be held. Monday evening, January 13, he attended the annual meeting of the Third Church, Chicago. Sunday, January 19, the secretary preached at Aurora, Ill. Tuesday he attended, unofficially, a meeting at Cleveland of the committee appointed by the A. U. A. directors to plan a closer union with the W. U. C. Sunday, January 26, he preached at Sioux City and met the trustees of Unity Church.

Chicago, Jan. 10, 1907.—The Western Conference Directors met at 3 p. m. Present, Messrs. Hull, Brough, Hawley, Pulsford, Backus, Mrs. Delano and Mrs. Lynn.

The meeting was called for the purpose of appointing a place for the Conference session of 1908. By motion of Mr. Hawley and vote of directors, the Conference is to be held at the Church of the Messiah, Chicago. On Mr. Pulsford's motion the directors voted that it be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week preceding the May meetings in Boston. It was moved by Mrs. Delano and voted that Rev. Fred V. Hawley be appointed to take the place of Rev. John W. Day, who declined to serve upon the committee appointed to meet an A. U. A. committee to confer upon the Minnesota resolution.

On motion of Mr. Brough the letter setting forth the financial needs of the Conference was accepted and ordered sent to the churches. Mr. Hawley moved that the secretary be authorized to appoint the programme committee. Voted.

The meeting then adjourned.

W. M. BACKUS, Sec'y.

The following is a copy of the letter voted by the directors and sent to all of the W. U. C. churches:

The Board of Directors of the Western Conference desires to call your attention to the financial necessities of our Conference.

Last year there was a deficit. This was caused, no doubt, because our claim upon the churches was not pushed from sympathy with the effort of the A. U. A. to raise $150,000, but this year we cannot afford to neglect our own interests.

The receipts of last year were $236 less than the year before, while the expenses were increased $175. This year there is an additional increase of $120 for rent and over $100 for the secretary's traveling expenses, caused by the new rate laws. This added expenditure calls for a corresponding increase in the contributions of our churches.

We feel that we have every right to ask this of the churches, for the Conference is of their creation and serves them. We are the only organized body standing in a large way for Unitarianism in this region. Our headquarters is the central bureau for Unitarianism in the West. If headquarters are to be maintained and our ideals upheld the churches must continue their loyal interest. The Western is your home Conference—the source of fellowship and organized effort in this region. It is so identified with the best interests of our churches as to command their interest and support. Will you not lend your aid in making the usefulness and needs of our Conference work known?

H. W. BROUGH, Treasurer.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

The mid-winter meeting of the Missouri Associate Alliance was held in Kansas City at All Souls Unitarian Church, Friday, January 10, 1908. The branches represented were Lawrence, Topeka, Kansas City and St. Joseph. The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock by the president, Mrs. J. D. Stevens of Kansas City. After devotional exercises reports from the different branches were given. These were very encouraging and showed them to be doing earnest work. Mrs. C. V. Mersersau was to have spoken for the religious intelligence committee, but was unable to be present. Instead the call through the National Alliance for $500 to help build the new church in Urbana and Champaign, Illinois, was noted and an appeal to the branches to help raise this sum was made.

Rev. Mr. Bennett of Lawrence spoke of his efforts to start a "paragraph pulpit." Owing to the expense of printing such matter it was possible to get it in only one paper.

A collection was taken, which paid for printing the programs and other expenses of the meeting. Meeting adjourned for lunch, served by the ladies of the Kansas City branch.

The first paper read at the afternoon session was "Hymns and Hymn Makers of the Liberal Faith," by Miss Brown of Lawrence. She went back to the origin of hymns, also of the New England form of worship, where meeting was held eight hours, with prayer two hours long. The collection of beautiful hymns written by Unitarians were far out of proportion to our numbers and carried us down to our own collection of the present time. Rev. Mr. Bennett of Lawrence made a plea that we take up this subject as outlined by the A. U. A. and asked that we make better use of the beautiful hymns, both for ourselves and our children. An interesting paper, "Literature for the Young," was read by Mrs. Grace Fable of Topeka. She said that as we used our influence with the child in everything else we thought good, why not in matters of religion? And if we failed in this, some one else would do it for us. That when reading to them "Hiawatha," the story they so dearly love, we should tell them that it was written by a Unitarian. She spoke of the little prayer almost every child was taught at its mother's knee

> "Now I lay me down to sleep,
> I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
> If I should die before I wake,
> I pray the Lord my soul to take"

and of the doubt contained in that prayer. She wished that in its place we could give our children a prayer of safety, love and faith. The discussion that followed this paper was of interest to all and Mrs. Ferguson of Kansas City expressed the wish that such a prayer for children might come out of the Women's Associate Alliance.

The last hour was devoted to a symposium on "How to Save the Children." The president, Mrs. Stevens, spoke first of the importance of saving the children, as they are the future citizens and lawmakers; that 1,600 had appeared before the juvenile court in Kansas City during the last year, and asked that they be given a play-ground and a chance before coming into this court. This was followed by a paper: "The Three Periods of Development," by Mrs. Weaver of Kansas City. "Ways to Help" was the title of a paper by Rev. Mary E. Andrews, minister Universalist church, Kansas City. She told of the Humane Society being organized by a woman, and appealed to all to open their homes to homeless boys rather than a few choice friends.

Mrs. Kate L. Pierson, associated charities visitor to juvenile court, made a strong appeal for a home for negro girls beyond the age of the juvenile court, as there was no place to send them, and expressed a wish that we work for the appointment of an advisory board to the juvenile court, to consist of women.

Rev. Mary E. Andrews closed the meeting with a benediction. This was one of the most successful meetings in the history of the Missouri Valley Alliance.

BELLE K. LINDLY, Sec'y.

Chicago—The Associate Alliance will meet Thursday, February 7, at 11 a. m., at the Church of the Messiah, Michigan avenue and Twenty-third

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DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers:

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. George R. Gebauer, Third and Alby Sts.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M., 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev Ed. H. Barrett.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M

Chicago, Ill.—Church of the Messiah, Michigan Ave. and Twenty-third St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St., near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Av

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati, Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 755 Genesee Ave

Colorado Springs, Col.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead.

Denver, Col.—Unity Church, Nineteenth Ave. and Broadway. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, 1557 Logan Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Av. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Kerby S. Miller.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A.M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, 41 Page St.

Greeley, Col.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. alternate Sundays. Rev. John Visher.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa—All Souls Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. MacCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 218 East 31st St.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph D., 704 Grand Ave.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls' Church, Twelth and H. Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, 1210 D. St.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Manistee, Mich.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Merritt S. Buckingham, 543 Third St.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St. and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. H. Palmer.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann. P. O. Box 63.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service 11 A. M.

Ord, Neb.—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Mary L. Leggett.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Nichols.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Unity Church, Ninth St., between Edmond and Felix Sts. Hour service, 8 P. M.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Boyle Ave. and Olive St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. Richard W. Boynton, 414 Ashland Ave.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays. Rev. A. Irvine Innes.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. D. O. Powers, 410 Tenth St.

Toledo, Ohio.—Church of Our Father, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

Topeka, Kan.—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

Washta, Iowa.—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman Secretary.

Wichita, Kan.—First Unitarian Church. Hours of service 11 A. M. and 6:30 P. M.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg, Sherbrooke and Sargent Sts. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. Roegno Peturrson, 582 Sargent Ave.

"Let us all join hands and help for to-day we are alive together."

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